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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy in Economics, anticipated Spring 2009
West Virginia University: Morgantown, WV

Master of Arts in Economics, December 2007
West Virginia University: Morgantown, WV

Bachelor of Arts in Economics, May 2001
Claremont McKenna College: Claremont, CA

Dissertation:

"Three Essays on the Causes and Impacts of Congressional Legislative Tenure"

Dissertation Chair: Russell S. Sobel

Research Interests:

Political Economy, Public Economics, State and Local Public Finance, Development Economics, International Economics, Game Theory

University Teaching Experience:

Public Economics (upper division, undergraduate), Fall 2007
Principles of Microeconomics (honors section), Fall 2006
Elementary Business/Economics Statistics, Summer 2006 & Summer 2007
Elementary Business/Economics Statistics (large section, 200 students), Fall 2008

Academic Positions:

West Virginia University, Department of Economics
Charles G. Koch Doctoral Fellow, July 2007 – Present
Ken & Randy Kendrick Fellow, July 2006 – June 2007
Earhart Fellow, August 2005 – June 2006

San Jose State University, Department of Economics
Student Assistant, Econometrics (Econ 103): January 2005 – May 2005
Student Assistant, Economic Statistics (Econ 003): August 2004 – December 2004

Academic Honors:

Advanced Doctoral Student Award, West Virginia University, 2008-2009

James F. Willis Award for Outstanding Student, San Jose State University, 2004-2005

Research Positions:

Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, Center for Economic Growth: Morgantown, WV
Associate Fellow, December 2006 – Present

American Institute for Economic Research: Great Barrington, MA
In-Absentia Fellow, July 2005 – Present
Summer Fellow, June 2005

The Independent Institute, Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation: Oakland, CA
Adjunct Fellow, June 2005 – Present
Intern, January 2005 – June 2005

The Gould Center for Humanistic Studies: Claremont, California
Lillian H. Lovelace Fellow, August 1999 – May 2000

Scholarly Publications:

Coyne, Christopher J. and Matt E. Ryan. "With Friends Like These, Who Needs Enemies? Aiding the World's Worst Dictators." *The Independent Review: A Journal of Political Economy*, forthcoming.

Gramm, Marshall, C. Nicholas McKinney, Douglas H. Owens and Matt E. Ryan. "What Do Bettors Want? Determinants of Parimutuel Betting Preference." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 66, No. 3 (July 2007), pp. 465-91.

Powell, Benjamin and Matt E. Ryan. "Does Development Aid Lead to Economic Freedom?" *Journal of Private Enterprise* 22, No. 1 (Fall 2006), pp. 1-21.

Powell, Benjamin and Matt E. Ryan. "The Economics of Outsourcing." *California Labor & Employment Review* 20, No. 4 (August 2006), pp. 7-26.

Edited Books:

Sobel, Russell S., Joshua C. Hall and Matt E. Ryan (Eds.). *Unleashing Capitalism: Why Prosperity Stops at the West Virginia Border, and How to Fix It* (Morgantown, WV: Center for Economic Growth, The Public Policy Foundation of West Virginia, 2007).
[Received 2008 Sir Antony Fisher Award from Atlas Economic Research Foundation]

Book Chapters:

Sobel, Russell S. and Matt E. Ryan, "Unifying the Favorite-Longshot Bias with Other Market Anomalies," Chapter 8 in D. Hausch and W. Ziemba (eds.), *Handbook of Sports and Lottery Markets* (Amsterdam: North Holland-Elsevier), pp. 137-160.

Sobel, Russell S., Matt E. Ryan and Joshua C. Hall, "Electoral Pressures and the Legal System: Friends or Foes?" forthcoming in E. Lopez (ed.), *Law Without Romance: Public Choice and the U.S. Legal System* (Oakland, CA: Independent Institute).

Gramm, Marshall, C. Nicholas McKinney, Douglas H. Owens, and Matt E. Ryan, "What Do Bettors Want? Determinants of Parimutuel Betting Preference," Chapter 1 in L. Moss (ed.), *Perspectives on Gambling, Lotteries, Wagers and Casinos* (Blackwell Publishing), pp. 1-28.

Hall, Joshua C. and Matt E. Ryan. "The Economics of Government Housing Assistance for the Poor," forthcoming in R. Holcombe and B. Powell (eds.), *Housing America: Building Out of a Crisis* (Oakland, CA: Independent Institute).

Popular Publications:

"Don't Expect to Hear About Upside of Downturn." *The State Journal*, November 14, 2008.

"Stopping Interest Groups Will Take More Than Words." *The State Journal*, October 17, 2008.

"Imposed Economic Diversity is Imposed Economic Death." *The State Journal*, September 19, 2008.

"State Engages Private Solutions to Public Problems." *The State Journal*, August 22, 2008.

"Taking Another Look at Economic Freedom." *The State Journal*, August 8, 2008.

"Workers' Compensation Reform Shows Power of Privatization." *The State Journal*, July 25, 2008.

"Federal Spending Receives a Closer Examination." *The State Journal*, July 11, 2008.

"Your (Accurate) Map to the West Virginia Budget." *The State Journal*, June 27, 2008.

"Consumers Reward Best Values; Wal-Mart Wins." *The State Journal*, June 20, 2008.

"West Virginia Supreme Court Keeps Us Poor." *The State Journal*, June 6, 2008.

"This Week's Growth Fallacy: Welfare." *The State Journal*, May 30, 2008.

"We Must Cope With the Burden of Federal Spending." *The State Journal*, May 16, 2008.

"Atlas Unleashes Award On West Virginia Book." *The State Journal*, May 2, 2008.

"Municipal Annexation…Without Representation?" *The State Journal*, April 25, 2008.

"Tax Freedom Day Is Rapidly Approaching." *The State Journal*, April 18, 2008.

"The Year in Wasted West Virginia Legislation." *The State Journal*, April 4, 2008.

"As Government Increases, So Do Economic Woes." *The State Journal*, March 21, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, March 14, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, March 7, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, February 29, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, February 22, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, February 15, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, February 8, 2008.

"Grading the Legislature." *The State Journal*, February 1, 2008.

"Ticket Scalping Is A Victimless Crime." *Charleston Daily Mail*, September 7, 2007.

"Consumers Ultimately Drive These Issues." *Charleston Daily Mail*, August 29, 2007.

"Education Alone Will Not Help West Virginia." *Charleston Daily Mail*, August 8, 2007.

"Coercing Others to Work Is Just Wrong." *Charleston Daily Mail*, July 31, 2007.

"Capitalism: Don't Believe the Myths." *Charleston Daily Mail*, June 20, 2007.

"Finally: Relief for Businesses Can't Come Soon Enough." *Charleston Gazette* (with Russell S. Sobel), July 16, 2006.

"Stop Aiding Dictators." *Press-Enterprise*, *The Providence Journal* (with Benjamin Powell), February 27, 2006.

"Higher Minimum Wage Would Hurt, Not Help, West Virginia." *The State Journal* (with Russell S. Sobel), February 17, 2006.

"U.S. Money Aids World's Worst Dictators." www.independent.org (with Benjamin Powell), February 13, 2006.

"BB&T Takes a Stand on Issue of Eminent Domain." *The State Journal* (with Russell S. Sobel), February 9, 2006.

"Capitalism Under Attack in West Virginia." *Charleston Gazette* (with Russell S. Sobel), January 22, 2006.

"Take the Politics Out of Disaster Relief." www.independent.org, September 30, 2005.

Conference Presentations:

Association for Private Enterprise Education Meetings:
Las Vegas, April 2008
Cancun, April 2007
Las Vegas, April 2006
Orlando, April 2005

Southern Economic Association Annual Meetings:
- Washington, D.C., November 2008
- New Orleans, November 2007
- Charleston, SC, November 2006
- Washington, D.C., November 2005

Public Choice Society Annual Meetings
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